

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

*Please replace paragraph 0002 of the specification with the following paragraph.
No new matter is being submitted with this amendment.*

[0002] Various arrangements are known in the filtration art for forming pleated filter media material and spacing the successive pleats in geometrically configured planar and cylindrical cartridges produced by such forming arrangements. In this regard, attention is directed to some of the prior art noted in the related co-pending U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/317,437, filed on Dec. 12, 2002 by Kyung-Ju Choi, now U.S. Patent No. 7,097,684. More specifically, attention is directed to the pleat spacer arrangement of U.S. Pat. No. 3,531,920, issued to C. G. Hart on Oct. 6, 1970 and to the spaced incremental spacer arrangement of U.S. Pat. No. 5,071,555, issued to K. Enbom on Dec. 10, 1991 wherein the spacer increments successively align in spaced relation between adjacent pleat flanks to space the same. Further attention is directed to the embossed spacer and dimple arrangements of the respective U.S. Pat. No. 5,290,447, issued Mar. 1, 1994, to H-J Lippold and U.S. Pat. No. 5,306,321, issued on Apr. 26, 1994, to R. J. Osendorf. Further attention is directed to the cartridge filter configuration of U.S. Pat. No. 5,427,597, issued to R. J. Osendorf on Jun. 27, 1995. Further, attention also is directed to the several different method arrangements for forming pleated filters as are disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 5,804,014, issued to K. Kahler on Sep. 8, 1998; and to the four patents issued to Kyung-Ju Choi, namely, U.S. Pat. No. 6,159,318 on Dec. 12, 2000; U.S. Pat. No. 6,165,242, issued Dec. 26, 2000; U.S. Pat. No. 6,254,653, issued Jul. 3, 2001; and U.S. Pat. No. 6,398,839, issued Jun. 4, 2002. Finally, attention is directed to the several incremental pleat spacer arrangements disclosed in U.S. Patents issued to H. J.

Lippold, namely: U.S. Pat. No. 5,028,331, issued on Jul. 2, 1991; U.S. Pat. No. 5,053,131, issued on Oct. 1, 1991; U.S. Pat. No. 5,066,319, issued on Nov. 19, 1991; U.S. Pat. No. 5,089,202, issued Feb. 18, 1992; and to Pub. No. U.S. 2002/003324 A1, published Mar. 21, 2002.